

**SHARED AUTOMATION SYSTEM USERS' GROUP
MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2018
SYSTEM UPDATE**

Statistical Summary

Circulation System Availability:	Oct: 100%	Nov: 100%	Dec: 100%
Patrons:	Nov 1 st : 479,064	Dec 1 st : 476,844	Jan 1 st : 462,781
Items:	Nov 1 st : 4,153,722	Dec 1 st : 4,142,900	Jan 1 st : 4,127,564
Bib Records:	Nov 1 st : 943,831	Dec 1 st : 947,848	Jan 1 st : 951,643
24/7 Phone Renewals:	Oct: 580	Nov: 614	Dec: 593
Training:	1 Circulation		

TLN Library Routing Slips – Reminder:

As there has recently been some questions from shared system libraries as to the purpose of the various color of routing slips, here is a reminder as to each slip's purpose:

Orange ILL Slips (FA113) – Orange ILL slips are used by shared system libraries to send requested items out to other shared system libraries that requested them.

White Send to Slips (FA149) - White send to slips are used by shared system libraries to send items back to their home location within the TLN membership.

Pink Send to Slips (FA149) – Pink send to slips are only to be used by TLN standalone libraries to send items back to their home location within the TLN membership.

Bulk Order for Avery removable labels and bubble mailers

For several years TLN has provided a bulk order opportunity for MeLCat packaging supplies that include Avery removable labels and bubble mailers. We are finding that libraries are able to get better pricing on their own and as a result, fewer libraries are ordering via the TLN bulk order opportunity. TLN will continue to offer the Avery removable label and bubble mailer bulk order opportunity only if there is still interest.

Database Cleanup – SHORTMARC Catalog Records

At the SASUG meeting in October we mentioned that TLN has identified several thousand items that should be reviewed for possible removal from the shared system. These items are associated with SHORTMARC catalog records (Brief Title Records) that have a Date Created prior to 2015 and a Last Activity Date of NEVER. TLN is now ready to provide a list of these items to each library so that they can evaluate if the item should remain in the system. If items are identified for removal, TLN can remove the items for you library. We will be sending the lists to each library director with a copy to the circulation or automation manager.

No New integrations into eResource Central/Enterprise

As of January 2018, TLN will no longer be adding new electronic resource integrations into Enterprise using eResource Central. This means that libraries with existing integrations for Overdrive, Overdrive Advantage, RBDigital eBook and Hoopla will continue to be able to search and download these electronic resources from currently existing eResource connectors in Enterprise, but TLN will not implement any new electronic resource connectors for member libraries.

This does not mean that your library can not purchase new Overdrive, RBDigital eBook or Hoopla accounts, it just means that new electronic resources of these types will not be searchable in Enterprise for libraries that do not already have existing eResource Central integrations in place. If your library does purchase new electronic resources, TLN will work with the staff at CARL to integrate your new electronic resources after the migration to Carl-X is complete.

Library Card Expiration Dates – Reminder

In the process of the database cleanup that TLN has been doing over the last several months, it has come to our attention that there are several libraries that give library cards an extended card expiration date – sometimes as long as 20 or 30 years. We just want to remind all shared system libraries that all cards in the shared system are to be given either a 1 year or 3 year card life – no exceptions (other than the TEMPORARY user profile). This includes the LIBSTAFF user profile as well as the various general, non-resident and other user profiles. As part of the cleanup, TLN will be modifying the card expiration date of any library card that is longer than 3 years – including the cards of library staff.

MeLCat and the Migration to CARL

Our plan is to stop MeLCat participation on April 1 in order to allow up to two weeks for delivery and a three week loan. Why? As you know, we have to create a brief record for every MeLCat item received and we also have to have a mechanism to remove the record when the item is returned. Our procedures are well established in Symphony but we don't know how the record removal will work in CARL. We would like to take as few of these records as possible with us and the bibliographic database will be frozen and extracted on May 11, so the majority of the requests need to work their way through the system before that date.

Our current tentative plan is to resume participation on July 1. Once we are live on CARL, our first priority will be making sure that the CARL system is functioning as it needs to for our libraries. New procedures for handling incoming and outgoing MeLCat requests will have to be developed and documentation written, and we have to complete new profile forms for our CARL patron and item data. MCLS has to make the connections to our new servers since they will have different IP addresses; they will also have to completely reload our new CARL patron and bibliographic/item information – and we are the first CARL system in the state so they cannot tell us for sure how long all of this will take. They believe that July 1 is doable, providing all milestones are met. We'll know more as we progress through this whole process and will keep you informed.